

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An optical film structure disposed on a light transmission surface of an illumination unit, for modulating light emitted from said illumination unit and projecting modulated light, comprising:
 - at least two optical films;
 - at least four optical film fixing parts disposed at an outer peripheral portion of each of said optical films;
 - a film tension controlling member comprising a wire attached at one of the ends thereof to each of said film fixing parts in such a fashion as to be capable of pulling each of said optical films under tension independently while maintaining flatness of said optical films; and
 - a film fixing frame for fixing said optical films, connected to the other end of said film tension controlling member;wherein said optical films, said film tension controlling member and said film fixing frame are integrated with one another and are constituted into one component, and wherein said at least two optical films are stacked with a gap between them and the gap ranges from 0.3 mm to 2 mm.
2. (Previously Presented) An optical film structure as defined in claim 1, wherein each of said optical films is a member selected from the group consisting of a light diffusion film, a light reflection film, a luminance improving film, a polarization film and a multifunctional optical film having at least two performances of said films.
3. (Original) An optical film structure as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said film tension controlling member is formed of an elastic material.
4. (Original) An optical film structure as defined in claim 3, wherein said elastic

material is a spring or rubber.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) An optical film structure as defined in claim 1 which is used between a liquid crystal display unit and an illumination unit in a liquid crystal display device.

7. (Currently Amended) An illumination apparatus comprising:
an illumination unit at least including at least one light source and a light transmission surface for guiding outward the rays of light from said light source; and
an optical film structure as defined in claim 1 that is arranged on said light transmission surface of said illumination unit.

8. (Original) An illumination apparatus as defined in claim 7, which is used as a backlight illumination unit on the back surface of a liquid crystal display device.

9. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
an illumination unit at least including at least one light source and a light transmission surface for guiding outward the rays of light from said light source;
an optical film structure as defined in claim 1 that is arranged on said light transmission surface of said illumination unit; and
a liquid crystal display unit arranged on said optical film structure.

10. (Original) A liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 9, wherein said illumination unit is a backlight illumination unit.